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Re: US Application No. 10/696,976  
Filing Date: October 30, 2003  
Our Reference: CRD5058USNP  
"Gripper For Catheter Shaft"

Dear Examiner,

The following responds to an Office Communication mailed June 11, 2008.

I appreciate your attention and consideration in this matter.

Best regards,



Michael W. Montgomery

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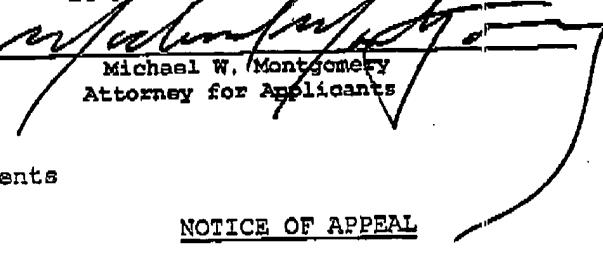
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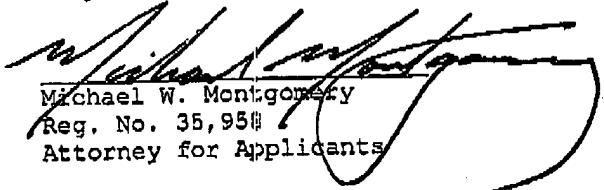
NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant(s) hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated April 30, 2008 finally rejecting Claims 1,2,7,8, 10-15 and 17 of the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1.  An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s).
2.  A Petition For Extension Of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 is attached hereto in triplicate.
3.  A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
4.  Fee \$510.00: for filing of Notice of Appeal  
 Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)  
 Charge to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/CRD5058USNP/MWM. Two additional copies of this Notice are enclosed herewith.  
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/CRD5058USNP/MWM.

Respectfully submitted,



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